

Being a licensed Amateur Radio Operator for over 60 years and currently holding the callsign K7GS, I oppose the the proposed changes to rules Part 97.221(c) and 97.309(a)(4).

If forced by this rulemaking amateur's loss of efficiency in passing traffic will lead to additional interference and congestion in the US. Also this will remove incentives for amateurs to develop new digital modes which is the future of data communications. Rules should be as non-restrictive as possible to allow individuals the opportunity to develop, learn and train with new modes and codes. This proposal will impose undue restrictions on legally practiced operations that have been used world-wide for over 20 years.